

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 716 without my signature.

While I have consistently supported efforts to improve and coordinate services for California veterans, the provisions of this bill are already being administered through the California Department of Veterans Affairs. One exciting example of this is the Veterans Network of Care - a public/private partnership that provides social service, mental health, employment, medical and educational links for veterans and active duty personnel, as well as their families. This program was developed with a grant from Proposition 63 and contains over 15,000 web links and 250,000 pages of information.

While I appreciate the author's intent, this bill is unnecessary.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger